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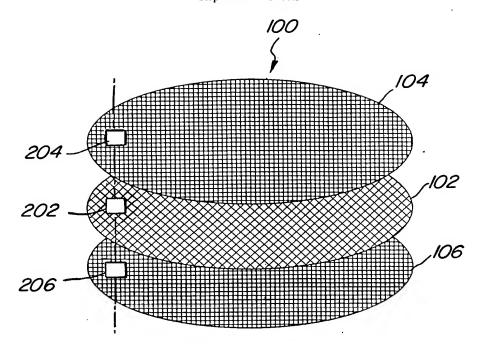
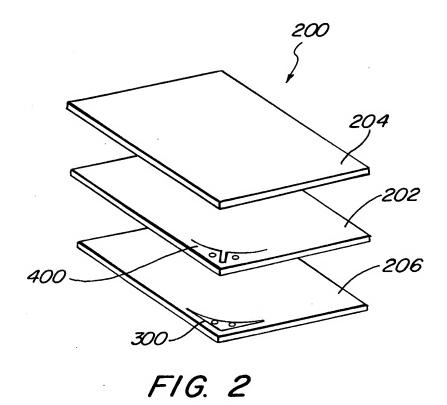
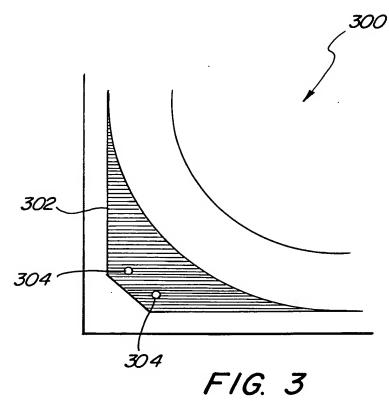
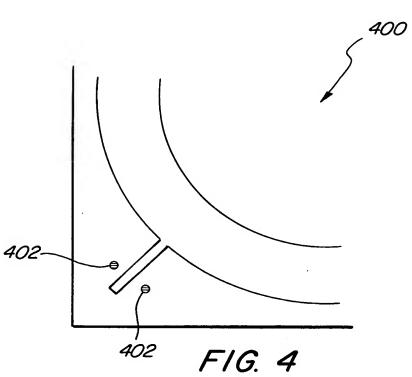


FIG. 1



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The microdevice side of the cover wafers and/or both sides of the center wafer are prepared for hydrophilic silicon direct bonding.

The microdevice side of the bottom cover wafer and the corresponding face of the center wafer are aligned in a precision bond aligner.

> Optionally, anneal the aligned structure (bottom wafer and center wafer) to form covalent bonds.

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Insert one or more getters into the vias of the center wafer.

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Align the bottom cover wafer and the top cover wafer.

512~ Place the wafer stack in a vacuum chamber for subsequent getter activation and bonding.

The chamber is taken through a vacuum and purge cycle suitable to remove air and chamber contaminants.

The wafer stack assembly is heated in vacuum to a temperature sufficient to re-flow the solder charge.

FIG. 5

The wafer stack assembly is cooled to solidify the solder and secure the getter devices to their bond pads.

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Create a vacuum or insert a suitable non-getterable gas into the chamber containing the wafer stack.

The getters are then heated to an activation temperature that is less than the solder re-flow temperature of the getter attachments.

The wafer stack is then cooled and the chamber pumped to achieve a desired vacuum level.

The wafer stack bond surfaces are then bonded in a sequence known to those skilled in the art

The wafer stack is then brought to a desired anneal temperature to fully. form covalent bonds between the surfaces.